







REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN

AND

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF HUDSON,

FOR 1849-50.

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# SELECTMENS' ACCOUNT

## OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS.

The Committee chosen to audit the Selectmens' account and settle with the Town Treasurer, from the 28th day of Feb'y 1848, to the 1st day of March, '49, report as follows :—

Outstanding taxes, J. W. Underwood's list,	\$11 13
“ “ D. B. Smith's do.	312 05
“ “ S. D. Greeley do.	324 80
Cash in Treasury,	62 97
Sarah Glover's Note,	20 00
A. Hamblet's “	13 75
Cash on account of J. Hamblet,	24 00
Due from Dr. Emery,	20 00

\$788 70

ETHAN WILLOUGHBY, }  
 JACOB CHASE, } *Auditors.*  
 THOMAS MARSH, }

Taxes assessed in 1849, for town charges,	1040 00
Cash received of Selectmen,	6 00
Received for County paupers,	322 36
“ of Bennington for Mrs. Gilson,	30 57
“ of Abel Buttrick for bridge plank,	3 50
“ State Treasurer, Railroad tax,	84 38
	1486 81
Total amount of receipts,	2275 51



*Disbursements.*

## Paid bills for 1848.

Ethan Willoughby, for plank,	4 50
Samuel Greeley, repair of bridges,	11 96
Albin Beard, printing report,	8 00
J. L. Pierce, School Committee,	6 00
Eli Hamblet, wood and care town house,	2 00
Thomas Marsh, as Auditor S. M. account	3 00
Jacob Chase, " "	3 00
Jeremiah Smith, 1 day with Auditing Committee and 1 day to Nashua,	3 00
Paul Colburn, soldiers' bounty,	10 50
S. D. Greeley, collecting,	31 00
B. B. & F. P. Whittemore, printing tax bills,	1 50
Dr. Emery's account paid by hay at Farm,	20 00
	<hr/> 104 46

## Paid bills for 1849.

James Pierce, Invoice Book,	2 50
Wm. Melvin, plank and timber to repair bridges,	16 38
Frederick Blodgett, stone for bridge,	5 00
Paul Colburn, receipt book,	75
S. D. Greeley, abatement taxes in '48,	9 17
J. W. Underwood, abatement taxes in '46,	1 74
" " " " in '46,	1 20
" " non-resident highway tax,	22 49
" " printing tax bills,	1 25
" " abatement taxes '49,	16
Joseph Storer, superintending school Com.	11 00
Wm. Page, " " "	13 69
Paul Colburn, as Treasurer,	14 00
J. W. Underwood, getting R. R. tax,	1 00
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Paid for Schooling	529 20
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## Paid for expenses at Almshouse.

John Greeley, balance salary '48,	68 00
" stove and funnel "	25 36
Timothy Gay, goods, "	78 79
James Carnes, " "	15 53

John Greeley on salary \$30 and \$20,	50 00
Charles Clement, smith work, '48,	2 47
Thomas Senter, sawing,	11 50
John Greeley, rye and plaster,	30 00
John N. Marshall, goods,	56 94
A. & N. McKean      "	9 36
Dr. Emery, balance acct. doct'g at A. H.	20 00
Thomas Senter, sawing,	2 66
Senter & Merriam,	10 88
Robinson & Burbank, goods,	45 80
John N. Marshall, for County,	5 00
"       "       goods,	104 06
County to move Mrs. Weeks,	60 00
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	596 35

Paid Poor expenses other than Almshouse.

Thomas Smith, Jr., support T. Smith,	12 75
J. M. Farnum, support Mrs. Gilson,	30 57
D. M. Greeley, for William Gipson in '48,	8 56
Sewall Hamblet, " William E. Robinson in '48,	13 48
Lydia Smith,   " Sarah Glover                       "	54 00
Town of Milford " Smith family,	11 50
Sickness and burial of J. Proctor at Litchfield,	7 73
"       Sarah Hamblet       " Nashua,	5 00
Nashua for sickness and burial Mrs. Smith,	25 55
Dr. Eaton, doctoring J. Proctor,	4 00
Warren Blodgett for Sally Smith, '48,	6 50
S. D. Greeley for Mrs. Smith in       "	1 50
Dr. Emery, doctoring Wm. Gipson "	2 00
Mrs. J. Barrett, care of Sally Smith,	3 25
Thomas Smith, 2d, care of T. Smith,	1 80
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	188 19

Selectmen's services up to 27th Feb'y, '50.

James Pierce as Selectman and overseer poor,	29 00
Alvan Smith,               "                       "	26 59
B. F. Chase,               "                       "	20 00
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	75 59

Total amount of receipts,	<hr/> 2275 51
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*Disbursements.*

Paid Bills due in 1848,	104 46	
“ “ “ “ ’49,	100 33	
“ “ for Schools,	529 20	
“ Expenses at Alms House,	596 35	
“ “ other than Alms House	188 19	
“ for Selectmen’s services,	75 59	
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Total amount of Disbursements,		1594 12

*State of the Treasury, Feb. 27th, 1850.*

Outstanding Taxes S. D. Greeley’s list,	32 44	
“ “ D. B. Smith’s “	127 05	
“ “ J. W. Underwood’s “	357 08	
Cash in Treasury,	119 94	
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Sarah Glover’s Note,	20 00	
A. Hamblet’s “	13 75	
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		2264 38
Whole amount in Treasury,		670 26
Out of which is owing about		80 00
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Balance in favor of Town,		590 26
Whole amount paid for Poor, at Alms House,		
in 1849,		596 36
Amount contracted in 1848,		190 15
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Amount paid for 1849		406 21

*Alms House, Dr.*

For Invoice of stock and provisions, Feb.		
8th, 1849,	926 21	
Amount paid out for 1849,	406 21	
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For Invoice of Stock and Provisions Feb.		
20th, 1850	739 15	



For Cash of County for County Paupers, 322 36

“ Balance of Account J. Greeley, 1 74

———— 1063 25

Balance against Alms House, 269 17

We have examined the Treasurer's Accounts from March 1st, 1849, to Feb. 27th, 1850, and find them well vouched and perfectly correct.

JAMES PIERCE, } *Selectmen*  
ALVAN SMITH, } *of*  
B. F. CHASE, } *Hudson.*

*Invoice of Stock and Provisions, &c., at the Alms House, Feb. 20th, 1850.*

1 pair 4 year old oxen	55 00
1 “ 3 “ “ steers	45 00
6 cows	96 00
3 two year old	30 00
6 one “ “	30 00
1 sucking calf	5 00
1 horse	100 00
7 tons English hay	84 00
3 “ Meadow “	18 00
Corn fodder	2 00
Horse Wagon	30 00
3 pitchforks	1 50
Winnowing Mill	6 00
2 ox yokes and irons	3 00
3 manure forks	1 00
1 iron bar	2 00
2 draft chains	2 50
1 ox cart	7 00
2 stake chains	75
2 trace “	75
1 whippetree & chains	1 00
Lumber	15 00
Ox Sled	1 00
2 ploughs	6 00
3 bush scythes	3 00
1 harness	2 00
5 hoes	50
1 pick & stone hammer	1 00

2 sickles 40c 3 sneaths & 2 scythes \$2	2	40
2 flails 40c 4 rakes 50c		90
1 wooden shovel.	1	00
60 bush corn \$45 35 bush oats \$14 70	59	70
6 " W beans \$9 2 1-2 colored do \$3	12	00
1-2 do. peas 75c 8 bush plaster \$2	2	75
Wagon Harness	5	00
Grain Cradle	1	50
2 saws \$1 1 wood saw 50c	1	50
Bells 50c auger shave & square \$1	1	50
4 axes \$1 3 shoats \$15	16	00
Square & saw \$1 3 chisels \$1	2	00
Nest of dry measures		50
1-2 bush Indian meal	1	00
40 lbs butter \$6 50 50 lbs lard \$5	11	50
20 " dried apple	1	60
10 " tallow \$1 40 cabbages \$1 20	2	20
12 bush potatoes	3	60
6 gal. salted cucumbers	1	00
80 lbs ham \$8 1 barrel salt beef \$10	18	00
2 1-2 bbls salt pork \$35 1 1-2 bbl cider \$3	38	00
1 do. vinegar \$5 8 galls soap \$1	6	00
1 bush onions		50

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 ALVAN SMITH, } *of*  
 B. F CHASE, } *Hudson.*

R E P O R T  
OF THE  
SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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The Superintending School Committee have attended to the duties assigned them, and submit the following Report:—

The teachers have been examined in regard to their qualifications for instructing, as prescribed by the laws of this State, and have received certificates from the Committee.

The Committee have visited all the schools in town twice during each term, and have endeavored to make such suggestions, both to the teachers and scholars, as they thought would contribute to the interest of the schools.

We have endeavored to impress the teachers with the importance of wholesome discipline, but have recommended the most tender and conciliatory measures that could



be found efficient. Moral restraint is superior to every other. Hence it is always preferable to govern a school by enlightening the understanding of the pupils, and by appeals to their conscience, than by resorting to physical force. But a school without order is of but little value; and when gentle means fail of securing discipline those measures should be adopted that will secure the desired result.

The following is a list of books which we have recommended :

Reading Books.    { Bible,  
                             { Russell's Series.

Spelling Book—Emerson's, (for the present.)  
Wells' Grammar—Small and Large.

Arithmetics.    { Adams's,  
                             { Colburn's Mental,  
                             { Greenleaf's Small.

Geographies.    { Morse's Quarto,  
                             { Mitchell's Small.

*The following tables represent the statistics of the schools*

Districts	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Length of school in weeks, summer term,	16	13	5-6	11	4	12	13	8	10	12	12
Length of school winter term,	8	8	10	7½	4	10	6	7	7	12	
Whole no. of scholars in summer,	27	42	19	43	35	25	36	18	30	15	
Whole no. of scholars in winter,	32	49	31	59	25	40	31	26	33	23	
Average attendance in summer,	21	28	15	30	25	17	26	16	22	13	
Average attendance in winter,	27	44	25	50	20	33	25	15	27	19	
No. over 14 who have attended in summer,			1	4			2				
No. over 14 who have attended in winter,	13	13	10	11	5	20	6	12	10	6	
Number between 4 and 14	summer	27	38	18	38	32	23	33	18	28	14
who have attended	winter	19	36	21	48	20	19	25	14	23	17
Number between 4 and 14	summer		5	2	8		6	1	1	3	2
who have not attended	winter	6			8	4		7	1	5	

## *Teachers.*

Districts No.	Wages per month.
1. Sarah C. Cross, Elizabeth O. Marsh,	\$6 00
" Caleb Richardson,	20 00
2. Mary A. Hardy,	6 00
" Caleb Richardson,	18 00
3. Mary E. Hadley,	4 50
" Isaac D. Colburn,	15 00
4. Mary Anne Butterfield, Sarah A. Winnek,	7 00
" Henry M. Woods,	20 00
5. Sabra M. Runnels,	6 00
" Perry Cram,	17 00
6. Julia A. Upton,	6 00
" James W. Crowell,	18 00
7. Elizabeth O. Marsh,	6 00
" Perry Cram,	16 00
8. Emeline F. Spalding,	1 00
" Otis F. Smith,	16 00
9. Mary H. Greeley,	6 00
" Julia A. Upton,	8 00
10. Nancy W. Marsh,	5 33 1-3
" John W. Shepard,	15 00



In concluding their Report, your Committee wish to make a few additional remarks.

**SCHOOL HOUSES.**—We are happy to commend the interest that has been manifested in several sections of the town, in providing suitable houses for the accommodation of the pupils. But more remains to be done. In several districts, the houses do not accommodate the schools, and we respectfully solicit attention to this matter. In Districts No. 4, 6, and 8, there is the greatest deficiency.

In other districts the architecture is defective, and it is hoped there will be an improvement in this respect.

School Architecture is a matter of great importance, and it is receiving increased attention in several sections of the State.

**PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES.**—We have been kindly treated by the Prudential Committees, and no intentional fault is to be attached to them in any instance. But we would respectfully submit a few suggestions which may contribute to more perfect harmony between them and the Superintending Committee, in the discharge of their respective duties. We suggest that they select their teachers with as much caution as possible ; that they present them for examination, at least several days before the commencement of the school ; that they give the Committee notice of the commencement and close of the schools ; and that there be, as far as it is convenient, a conference between the committees, in regard to their several teachers before they are finally engaged.

**DISCIPLINE.**—The discipline of our schools the past year has probably been as good as usual, but there have been cases of painful delinquency. So far as we have been able to judge, the discipline of our schools in the summer, was better than during the winter. In some instances, the teachers have evidently erred in judgment ;

but in more instances, the fault has been with the scholars. It is to be feared that parents have not taken that expansive view that they should of the critical situation of their children.

In case of difficulty between a teacher and scholars, we deem it very improper for parents to defend their children, in the manner that some do. Even if they regard the teacher in serious fault, we think there is a more prudent method of securing justice, than leaning on the judgment of their children, to give them instruction in direct opposition to that of the teacher. If the teacher is regarded as in error, a friendly interview should be sought, and an effort made to convince him of his wrong. If satisfaction is not obtained, the law provides a course that is practicable and safe. But in no instance, should parents expose their children to the moral peril of making them arbiters in cases of difficulty in our schools.

JOSEPH STORER,  
WILLIAM PAGE,  
PAUL COLBURN.





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